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The Monorable Cyrus R. Vance Deputy Secretary of Defense Vashington, D.C.

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Dr. Notilian detailing his proposal for modernization of the existing CIA/SAC U-2 pool and postposact of additional U-2 procurement. Using attrition rates experienced thus far, it would appear that the total U-2 present strongth before approximately half of its present strongth before new niveraft ordered a year from now would be available, and that the total number would nover reach the minimum acceptable recommended by Generals Ledford and Geary, if the older sircraft are retired as they propose.

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I do not wish to prejudge this proposal, but do believe that it deserves our careful consideration in the Executive Cormittee before implementation, since I anticipate a continuing and perhaps increasing used for U-2 reconnaissance coverage round the world.

Sincerely,

((signed) W. F. Raborn

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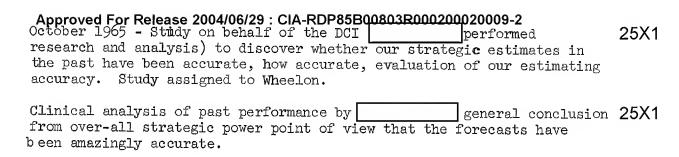
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